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From: dtelvock@gmail.com
Sent: Fri 7/22/2016 6:12:40 PM
Subject: Re: Telvock: Radon Mitigation system for a residence

Thank you, Eric. This is helpful and I appreciate it.

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On Fri, Jul 22, 2016 at 2:02 PM, Daly, Eric <Daly.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan:

I apologize for the delayed response. I have been out since I left Niagara Falls last week.

The fact sheet was initially prepared in April 2016 and disseminated to the residents who reside to the west of the site door-to-door by Mike Basile prior to our arrival to install the fence.

Towards the end of April, a resident of Robert Avenue approached me. He informed me that when he bought the property in the early 80's, he recalled the slag road continuing from the cemetery property across the street through his yard. The slag was supposedly removed by the same gentleman mentioned by others, Walter Kozdranski. After discovering this information, the property owner agreed to allow us to assess the property. After receiving an access agreement from him we performed gamma surveys within his home and outside in his yard. There were no elevated readings observed above background. Due to the history he provided, I decided to conduct radon canister sampling. The results in the basement did exceed 4 pCi/L. No other location on the occupied floors showed results above the action limit. I have attached those results.

I then decided to install a radon mitigation system. However, we have not determined if the radon is naturally occurring or is due to the material that was deposited across the street. There is other material located in the cemetery and on this property that looks similar to the radioactive slag but is not radioactive. These radon readings could be naturally occurring. In my own home in NJ, we have elevated radon that is naturally occurring. I installed the same type of system in my home. This resident has requested privacy and discretion. I am doing my best not to use his name or address to accommodate his request.

We have tentatively planned to perform some soil sampling activities in Area 5 yard in August as well as on Robert Avenue along the estimated pathway of the cemetery road. This may help determine if there is

radioactive slag on the private property.

The Town of Lewiston requested we perform some assessments at other properties on Robert Avenue. We informed the Town that we have no historical information or data that would render us making a decision to assess other residential properties along Robert Avenue. However, if the residents are interested, we would conduct gamma surveys in their yards and homes. We have not heard back from the Town of Lewiston or any other individual resident as of today.

We are in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request submitted to EPA on July 18, 2016, concerning Area 5 and related documents and information. EPA is currently processing your request.

Thanks.

Regards,

Eric

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately", Benjamin Franklin

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Subject: Radon Mitigation system for a residence

Hi Mike and Elias

Can someone provide me survey and sampling documentation about the residence in "Area 5" for the Holy Trinity Cemetery property at 5401 Roberts Avenue in which the EPA had installed a radon mitigation system in June?

Where is this residence? What were the radon levels found?

Why wasn't this mentioned in the fact sheet that says "The slag material poses no significant exposure or health risk to the public at the site's current condition." This was not mentioned to me when I asked about the cemetery with Mr. Daly, either.

Does the EPA plan to do radon assessments for any other residences near the cemetery? If yes, when would that process begin?

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